

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. Claims 2, 4, 7, 8, 10, and 30-32 are pending in the present application, with claims 30-32 being independent. Claims 1, 3, 5-6, 9, 11-29 have been canceled. Claims 33-35 have also been canceled and their subject matter has been incorporated into the respective base claims, namely claims 30-32.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner rejected claims 2, 4, 7-8, 10, and 30-32 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Flowers, Jr. et al.* (US 5,533,174). This rejection is respectfully traversed insofar as it pertains to the presently pending claims.

As stated above, Applicant has amended independent claims 30-32 to include the subject of their respective base claims, namely cancelled claims 33-35. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that *Flowers* fails to anticipate the claims, because *Flowers* fails to teach or suggest at least that each of the frames are box-shaped such that each of the frames is able to enclose their respective characters that are represented by the data representing the sizes of characters, as recited in the independent claims.

Applicant notes that the Examiner acknowledges on page 9 of the outstanding Office Action that *Flowers* does not teach at least the above-recited features of the independent claims.

The Examiner, however, alleges that *Mikuni* (US 5,590,247), with respect to the 35 U.S.C. §103 rejection, discloses this feature. Applicant respectfully submits that *Mikuni* does not display box-shaped frames that enclose their respective characters, which are then displayed on a display screen. The Examiner alleges, with reference to Figs. 4-13 of *Mikuni*, that because a rectangular frame is shown in the drawings, that this rectangular frame is then displayed. These depicted rectangular frames of *Mikuni*, however, merely represent an arbitrary designated character string configuration region in order to arrange characters in predetermined areas, see for example col. 7, lines 23-37, of *Mikuni*.

As such, *Mikuni* also fails to teach or suggest at least that box-shaped frames are displayed on a display screen, whereby each of the box-shaped frames is able to enclose their respective characters, which represent data that represents the sizes of characters, as recited in the independent claims.

Accordingly, in view of the above discussion, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner rejected claims 33-35 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Flowers, Jr. et al. in view of *Mikuni*. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Because Applicant has cancelled claims 33-35, the rejection against these claims is now rendered moot.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, this application appears to be in condition for allowance and the Examiner is, therefore, requested to reexamine the application and pass the claims to issue.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Martin Geissler (Reg. No. 51,011) at the telephone number below, which is located in the Washington, DC area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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